



NEWSLETTER

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Dear Families and Friends,

Welcome Back!

It has been a pleasure to welcome you all back to Castleton this week. We have had a fantastic first few days with our teachers and friends, setting the tone for the rest of the year. A special mention and welcome must go to all our new starters who have settled magnificently well into their new class and are valued additions to the Castleton Family. There has been a buzz of excitement around the school this week for lots of reasons. The Oaks and School Council were pleased to see the end result of their toilet refurbishment project. They all agreed it is a much more up-to-date and pleasant space. All children enjoyed watching the Tour of Britain cycle race on the first day back, as it weaved its way quickly through our village. And, finally, children enjoyed putting the finishing touches to their Castleton Show entries, which we are looking forward to sharing!

School Office

Next week, Mrs Moore is scheduled to have an operation and, should it go ahead, will be away from school for the remainder of the half-term. In preparation for this Mrs Moore and Mrs Gray (administrator at Glaisdale Primary School) have been 'handing over'. Mrs Gray will assume all of Mrs Moore's hours, however this will be on a different schedule, so that she can balance her commitments at Glaisdale School.

We will communicate Mrs Gray's schedule in each week's newsletter. Should Mrs Gray be based at Glaisdale, and you have an urgent query, you will still be able to contact her at Glaisdale (01947 897218). We are in the process of upgrading our phone system, so that it can automatically be forwarded between the two schools.

We wish Mrs Moore a speedy recovery and welcome Mrs Gray to our Castleton Family, as well as thank you for your understanding on this temporary arrangement.

Clubs

Permission forms for clubs have been sent out via email for our clubs. As Mrs Moore is away from school for this half-term, Engineering and Sewing Club will start after half-term. Year 6 SATs Buster Club will also start after half-term, as usual.

Therefore, we can offer the following clubs:

Tuesday 3:30 - 4:30pm PE for Oaks (Miss Helen Searle)

Wednesday 3:30 - 4:30pm Signing Y1-Y6 (Mrs Katie Thompson)

Thursday 3:30 - 4:30pm Choir Y1-Y6 (Miss Heather Wilson)

These clubs begin next week, so please complete the online permission forms as soon as possible.

PE/Forest School in Autumn

Oaks will continue to have weekly PE sessions on Friday afternoons with Mrs Wardell.

Acorns will now have PE sessions on Monday afternoons with Mrs Barber (starting from 9th September).

Oaks will have fortnightly sessions of Forest Schools with Mrs Barber on Tuesday afternoons (starting from 10th September). This will alternate on a weekly basis with Year 3/4 having their first session on Tues 10th September and Year 5/6 having theirs on Tues 17th September.

Acorns will continue to have fortnightly Forest Schools sessions with Mrs Barber on Wednesday mornings (starting from 18th September).



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Reminder: Please can all earrings please be removed for PE lessons. If this is not possible due to your child recently having them done, please could you send tape or plasters for your child to wear over them.

Bikeability- Year 6

Next Friday, Year 6 will take part in an important workshop of cycle/road safety with trained instructions from North Yorkshire Council. Permission forms and other safety checklists have been sent home with children. Please return these as soon as possible.

Nut Allergy

As stated in an email earlier this week, we have students with nut allergies and, occasionally, undiagnosed nut allergies. Therefore, please can we remind you that we are a nut-free school. This means that products containing whole nuts should not be brought into school. (This does not include items which list 'may contain nut traces' or similar.)

Music Lessons

Music lessons with Mrs Lillie will start again next Tuesday. Thank you to all have responded and have completed the online consent form. Sorry, but Mrs Lillie's group for this year is now full. Should you wish that your child is added to Mrs Lillie's waiting list, please get in touch. As a reminder, music lessons cost £8 per session, which may be paid in a lump sum each half-term or weekly. If your child misses a lesson due to illness or holiday, payment will still be expected as a retainer. If lessons are unpaid within a reasonable time, your child's place will be offered to another child on the waiting list. If you are experiencing difficulties in paying, please contact school.

Tapestry - Year 1 Parents/Carers

We use Tapestry as a means of recording learning for our Early Years children. As your child is now in year one and following the KS1 curriculum we will no longer use the Tapestry platform. This means that the accounts will become inactive. If you would like to access any of the observations and photographs on there, the accounts will remain open until Friday 20th September. After this time the accounts will become inactive. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to talk to one of the Acorn team. Thank you.

Tapestry - Early years parents and carers

You should now all have received a consent form. Please fill this in and return to the office/school at your earliest convenience. Once these details have been received, we will be able to set you up with unique log-in details in order for you to access your child/children's learning via Tapestry. Please keep a look out in your emails for the invite; this can sometimes end up in 'junk'! We aim to get an observation of your children's learning on there every half term at least.

Have a great weekend!

Mr Cooper

Attendance:

Our attendance this week was: 98.8%

Our attendance this year: 98.8%

National average last year: 94.5%



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Headteacher timetable

Mon	am – Castleton pm – Goathland
Tues	am – Lythe pm – Castleton
Weds	am – Goathland pm – Lythe
Thurs	am – Castleton pm – Glaisdale
Fri	am – Goathland pm – Lythe

Next Week's Events

- Monday** PE for Acorns please arrive in appropriate kit/footwear
- Tuesday** Music Lessons with Mrs Lillie
Year 3/4 Forest School please arrive in appropriate kit/footwear
Sport Club for Oaks 3.30-4.30pm (bring separate kit)
- Wednesday** Signing Club
- Thursday** Library van visit
Choir Club
- Friday** Year 6 Bikeability please arrive in appropriate kit/footwear
Oaks PE please arrive in appropriate kit/footwear

Safeguarding Statement

Yorkshire Endeavour Academy Trust and Castleton School are committed to ensuring the safety and welfare of all children. If you have any concerns regarding this, please contact one of our designated safeguarding leads (listed below). For significant and immediate concerns, please contact the police on 999. For concerns that are not immediate, please contact the North Yorkshire Council Emergency Duty Team: 0300 131 2 131.

Designated Safeguarding Lead: Mr Olly Cooper (01947 897218 or 01287 660496 or headteacher.cg@yeat.co.uk)

Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead: Mrs Nicola Wardell (01287 660496 or nwardell.castleton@yeat.co.uk)

Safeguarding Governor: Mrs Anna Harrison (01287 660496 or aharrison.cgl@yeat.co.uk)



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Future Diary Dates

Please note: some of these events may still need to be confirmed.

September

09/09: Clubs restart
11/09: Birds on the Edge visiting
12/09: Library Van visit
13/09: Y6 Bikeability
23/09: Flu Vaccinations (TBC)

October

07/10-18/10: Parents' evenings
08/10: Taiko drum workshop
17/10: Y6 trip to Whitby Secondary School and Archives

23/10: Individual and sibling photos
25/10: End of half-term
25/10: Shared Reading afternoon

Future Diary Dates

07/11: Chance to Shine cricket sessions start
26/03-28/03: Y5/6 Peat Rigg
12/05-16/05: Y6 SATs Week
02/06-13/06: Y4 Multiplication Check
04/06: School photos
June: Y1 phonics screening

Remaining Term Dates 2024/25

- Half Term - Monday 28th October to Friday 1st November 2024
- Staff Training Day - Friday 13th December 2024
- Last day of Autumn Term - Friday 20th December 2024
- First Day of Spring Term – Monday 6th January 2025
- Half Term - Monday 17th February to Friday 21st February 2025
- Staff Training Day - Friday 21st March 2025
- Last day of Spring Term - Friday 4th April 2025
- First day of Summer Term – **Tuesday 22nd April 2025**
- Bank Holiday – Monday 5th May 2025
- Half Term - Monday 26th May to Friday 30th 2025
- Last day of Summer Term - Monday 21st July 2025
- Staff Training Day – Tuesday 22nd July 2025

Please avoid booking term time holidays, especially during assessment weeks.



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